

(b) setting a command of the signal receiver which is commonly usable by a user as a display command to display time information about a currently viewed program; and

(c) displaying the time information about the currently viewed program together with the currently viewed program when the user issues the display command set in said step (b), the time information comprising a beginning time with respect to the currently viewed program.

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3. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of displaying a program progress time as claimed in claim 1, wherein the time information further comprises a program terminating time of the currently viewed program.

4. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of displaying a program progress time as claimed in claim 3, wherein the time information further comprises a current time with respect to the currently viewed program.

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13. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of displaying a program progress time in a signal receiver which receives and processes program guide information containing a program schedule, comprising the steps of:

receiving and storing the program guide information;

displaying a program terminating time of the currently viewed program;

determining a total program broadcasting time of a currently viewed program by subtracting a program beginning time from the program terminating time of the currently viewed program when a user issues a command requesting the displaying of the program progress time of the currently viewed program;

determining the program progress time by subtracting the beginning time from a current

time;

displaying a display bar representing the total program broadcasting time; and

displaying the display bar so as to indicate a position on the display bar corresponding to the program progress time.

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17. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of displaying a program progress time of a currently viewed program of a signal receiver, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving program guide information including a program schedule having the currently viewed program; and

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displaying the program progress time of the currently viewed program simultaneously with the currently viewed program in response to a command from a user to perform a function other than displaying the program progress time upon receipt of the command,

the program progress time including a current time.

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23. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the program progress time further includes a program beginning time, and a program termination time of the currently viewed program.

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25. (TWICE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said displaying step comprises the step of displaying the program beginning time at a start of a display bar, the program termination time at an end of the display bar, and the current time at a position of the display bar corresponding to a percentage of time elapsed versus a total time of the currently viewed program.

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26. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of displaying a program progress time including

a program beginning time, a current time, and a program terminating time of a currently viewed program of a signal receiver, the method comprising:

receiving program guide information including a program schedule having the currently viewed program;

displaying the program progress time of the currently viewed program simultaneously with the currently viewed program in response to a command from a user to perform a function other than displaying the program progress time upon receipt of the command wherein said displaying the program progress time further comprises displaying the beginning time at a start of a display bar, the program termination time at an end of the display bar, and the current time at a position of the display bar corresponding to a percentage of time elapsed versus a total time of the currently viewed program, and displaying a first percentage number of the time elapsed and a second percentage number of a time remaining versus the total time of the currently viewed program.

28. (TWICE AMENDED) A device for displaying a program progress time, comprising:

a receiving unit to receive a program and a program guide containing a program schedule which includes information on a TV program;

a processor to produce data for displaying the program progress time in response to the command from the user;

a video output unit to mix video data of the program and said data for displaying the program progress time of the program, to output a resulting signal; and

a display to display the resulting signal;

the program progress time including a program beginning time of the TV program.

31. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of displaying a program progress time of a currently viewed program comprising:
issuing a user-initiated display command; and
displaying a program terminating time of the currently viewed program in response to the display command at a preset time set by the user prior to a program terminating time of the ~~currently viewed program.~~

33. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of displaying a program progress time on a signal receiver which receives and processes program guide information containing a program schedule, comprising the steps of:
storing the program guide information; and
displaying time information about a currently viewed program together with the currently viewed program on the signal receiver when a user issues a display command set, the time information including a beginning time, a current time, and a terminating time of the currently viewed program.

34. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of outputting a program progress time information to a display, comprising the steps of:
receiving program guide information containing a program schedule;
storing the program guide information; and
outputting the time information about a currently viewed program together with the currently viewed program on the display when a user issues a display command set, the time information including a beginning time, a current time, and a terminating time of the currently viewed program.